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Re: U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/980,884 entitled "Sample Processing Device" by Matthew John Baker (Our Ref: INV850/4-030US)

Sir:

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